

Announcement

Beginning in August 2020, St. Mary's will offer a variety of learning experiences tailored to meet the needs of our school community.

Enrollment and Registration information for St. Mary's Catholic School is available at www.stmaryslgv.com; click on the Admission Tab.

Parents have the option to register for one of the following learning platforms:

1. **Full-Time Traditional Learner**

1. This refers to the "traditional" in-school experience and is open to all students PK3-12th grades.
2. Registrants should expect the same quality learning experience that has been provided in prior years.

Temporary Distance Learner

1. This refers to full-time "traditional" learners who must stay out of school for short period of time due to COVID19 (or other circumstances) but who will remain registered as full-time traditional learners. Typically, this temporary status will remain in effect for a period of 7-14 days, but may be longer or shorter, depending on individual student circumstances. If the circumstance require that a student remain out for an extended period of time, student families and school administration will discuss possible options for transitioning to one of the Full-Time Distance Learner options.
2. This Temporary Distance Learner option will be offered to all students in PK3 through 12th grade.

3. **Full-Time Distance Learner, Online**

1. A full-time distance learner **online** is a student who works from home full-time but is required to login and participate in class via TEAMS for all courses.
2. This option is offered to students in 1st through 12th grades.
3. The Full-Time Distance Learner option will not be offered to early childhood students (PK3, PK4, and Kindergarten) because of the emphasis on skills building which cannot be easily replicated online.

4. **Full-Time Distance Learner, Self-Paced**

1. A full-time distance learner **self-paced** is a student who works from home, but, due to extenuating circumstances, is unable to login regularly during the day to meet (virtually) for his or her classes. These students would receive the curriculum, some direct instruction, and have access to video-recordings of live lessons, but their learning would be self-paced at home, working with their parents/guardians.
2. This option is offered to students in 1st through 12th grades.
3. The Full-Time Distance Learner option will not be offered to early childhood students (PK3, PK4, and Kindergarten) because of the emphasis on skills building which cannot be easily replicated online.

Please note the following:

- The first day of school is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 18, 2020**, and unless circumstances change, St. Mary's Catholic School will begin with all learning platforms on that day.

- Parents/guardians will have the option to transition from one learning experience to another at the end of each quarter.

All campus-based programs and online distance learning options will require students to wear **uniforms**. All uniform guidelines can be found in the Parent/Student Handbook found on the website at www.stmaryslgv.com and can be purchased at <https://www.landsend.com/co/account/school-uniforms>. The *Preferred School number* is **900150186**.

There have been no significant changes to **uniform** guidelines. **If you are entering high school**, please check the guidelines for high school uniform requirements which may be new to your student(s). All high school students will need a blazer, and girls will need a khaki skirt/skort for Mass days.

Masks will be required during arrival, departure, and when assembling or transitioning through common areas. Masks will need to be **solid blue** or **solid black** in color. Masks are available through Lands' End, or families may choose another provider, as long as the masks cover nose and mouth and meet the color requirements. I would encourage families to label all masks with students' names and to consider purchasing more than one mask, so that students have a back up in the event one is misplaced or needs to be laundered.

As the school leadership team works to promote safety, well-being, and overall health across campus, we have identified a variety of ways to mitigate the potential for surface contamination. With that in mind, St. Mary's has made the decision for the 2020-2021 academic year to purchase **ALL** necessary **school supplies** in bulk. A school supply fee will be added to your FACTS Tuition Management Account as an incidental fee. No supplemental school supplies should be sent to school.

In accordance with COVID19 guidance, **St. Mary's will function as a closed campus during the school day**. Parents and visitors will need to make an appointment to enter campus buildings between 7:15 AM and 6:00 PM.

Our goal at this point is to make sure that St. Mary's Catholic School can serve every family in the environment that best suits the needs of their students. We will be dependent on every member of our community, working with us to mitigate the risk of introduction of COVID19 to the campus. Only by working together with everyone doing their parts can we control our environment and provide the well-rounded, Catholic education which our students and families expect.

I want to thank each of you for your loyalty, faith, and dedication to Catholic education. St. Mary's Catholic School is a choice, one which I know requires both financial sacrifice and ongoing commitment. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions, concerns, or would like to discuss your personal situation.

May God continue to bless you and your loved ones,
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